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501 [502] The boat is pushed over shallow places; to get over exposed sandbanks extending crosswise, wooden rollers are laid down on which the boat is rolled across (Ill. 9).

There are no anchors for securing the boat; stones with plaiting around them serve only as anchors for the bottom tackle for turtles. The boats are easily pulled up on the bank, and the boat pole is stuck into the sand through the loop; this is the whole mooring.

[415] Half-gourds are used to scoop out the water that enters.

[532] [484] [211] I saw decorated boats only in Village No. 20. Here, on the inner wall of a boat, there were light-colored human figures; another boat had 36 notches on the edge, which were said to be the number of nights required for a journey to the Sambioá.

484 Such trips lasting for weeks are usually undertaken in a large company; often the entire village sets out in a great number of boats packed high. By themselves the Indians only make [262] journeys of one or two days. By way of /278/ provisions they take only a little with them: manioc, maize, and the cooking pot; the fish are caught on the way twice a day. Rower and helmsman change places daily on longer journeys, especially if only two men are traveling in the boat.

502 132 Shipwrecks sometimes occur, especially while crossing the river in a storm. Such accidents, in which Indians lost their lives and of which several examples were recounted to me, are easily explainable in view of the high waves which storms create on the river and the narrow, low boats of the Indians. In fact, I myself with my boats (dugouts with one or two side planks set on them) was often forced to seek refuge from wind and waves for hours on high banks or on sandbanks.

The Indians endure bad weather on the journey rather simply. They quickly build themselves small sheltering walls out of poles and prepared palm leaves, which they always carry with them on longer journeys, or they pull the boat on land, turn it upside down, and lie down under it wrapped in their coverings beside a fire which they light in the center. They spend the worst nights of storm and rain in this manner.